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City of San Diego

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 22, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor Sanders

FROM: Councilmember Frye

SUBJECT: Locations for the Emergency Winter Homeless Shelter

In response to your request for a recommendation for a location for this year's emergency winter shelter, I believe the 13th and F Street site in the downtown area is currently the best location. I am not opposed to the concept of sharing the solutions of homelessness across the eight council districts, but displacing people to locations where the services they rely on to survive are across town is inappropriate. It is important that we keep the health and welfare of our homeless community at the forefront of these conversations.

Our downtown core has the highest concentration of homeless and shelter services, social services, healthcare, affordable and transitional housing, and food programs in the city. A trip across town is not always possible for homeless people suffering from physical and mental disabilities. Finally, the homeless community is not likely to be able to afford transportation to and from the shelter every day.

Thank you for your consideration of the 13th and F location for this year's homeless winter shelter.

CC: Honorable City Councilmembers